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Sandy Beautification Contest

Each year Sandy City sponsors a beautification contest among citizens and businesses to encourage property owners to maintain beautiful landscaping and reward those who have improved the aesthetics of their neighborhood and community. The contest is divided into categories which include: residential property, commercial property and most improved. With spring here, now is a great time to start planning and planting in order to get ready for this contest. Entry forms are available online at www.sandy.utah.gov and are due by August 1 with judging taking place during the second week of August. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ray Lindenburg at 568-7269 or email rlindenburg@sandy.utah.gov.



Overall winner in the 2006 Beautification Contest

Small Insect Has Devastating Effect on Pine Trees

A small insect known as Pine Scale is having a devastating impact on pine trees in the Sandy City area. These insects infest mostly the lower branches of the trees by attaching to the under side of the pine needles and survive by sucking the nutrients from the pine needles. If the tree is heavily infested and left untreated for several years, the tree could potentially die.

Scale insects are small, slightly larger than a pin head and come in a variety of species. Pine Scale has an armored outside and secrete a heavy coating of wax over their entire body as a protection that makes them resistant to most foliar applications of insecticides. The best method to test your tree for pine scale is to hold a white paper under a branch and lightly shake it. If little black dots start to fall and move around, then your tree is infested. Most of the trees being attacked are Scotch Pine and Austrian Pine. The best time to spray is the first couple of weeks in May when the eggs hatch and the babies try to find their own spot to settle on the pine needle. The best method of control is through early detection and root soil injections of a systemic insecticide such as Imicloprid. The parks department has been treating trees throughout most of the parks across the entire city. For additional information, please contact Sandy City's Urban Forester, Mike Marrett at 568-2916.



Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure Available

The 2007 Parks & Recreation Family Fun Guide is now available in print or online. Activities listed include educational classes, seasonal and special events, summer programs for youth, adult programs, a list of parks and amenities, a park trail map, Alta Canyon Recreation Center programs and information on River Oaks Golf Course. Copies can be picked up at Sandy City Hall or at the Parks & Recreation Building (440 East 8680 South). The brochure can also be viewed online at www.sandy.utah.gov. Please call 568-2900 for information.



Immunization Clinics

All routinely recommended immunizations are available for children at the Healthy Sandy Immunization Clinics being held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- May 16
 Sandy Elementary
 8725 South 280 East
- June 19
 Park Lane Elementary
 2300 East 9955 South.
 Immunizations for children
 under 35 months old are free;
 costs for children 3-18 vary.
 No one will be denied
 immunizations due to an
 inability to pay or lack of
 insurance. Call Community
 Nursing Services at 233-6170 or
 1-800-486-2186 for
 more information.